

Argusville City Council Meeting

August 6, 2018

Mayor Wetzel called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM with the following in attendance: Dave Becker, Rod Clouse, Wayne Hagemeister, Mary Howatt, Sarah Wear, Justin Hall, Deputy Craig Keller, Al Woods, Bryan Hovland, Lance Nelson, Brian Rom, Jamison Jensen, Mike Lovejoy, and Chris Rose.

M Hagemeister-Becker to approve July/Organization Meeting minutes. Carried.

M Becker-Clouse to approve the July finance report as presented. Carried.

Wetzel requested an additional credit card for the Council President.

Council vacancy appointment tabled to September. A city-wide email and postcard will be sent out.

Rom of Romnet Incorporated inquired about placing an internet tower on the NE corner of the Nelson property. Tower will be 75-80 feet tall, free-standing, and within the tree line. Discussion about the building permit and variance process. Rom was advised to apply for a permit from Zoning.

Deputy Keller reported on local activity for June and July.

Hall provided a status update on the Sewer-Water Improvement project. The water main loop is complete. Gate valves and curb stops are partially complete. Sanitary sewer line is being bored under the tracks. The updated schedule shows a month delay. No extension request has been filed. Discussed late completion costs and community comments.

M Becker-Clouse to pay L2 Contracting Application for payment #2 (work up to July 13), \$65,594.08. Carried.

M Hagemeister-Becker to pay Moore Engineering invoice, \$29,553.95. Carried.

M Clouse-Hagemeister to approve resolution of governing body of applicant to show Wetzel as mayor. Carried.

M Clouse-Becker to approve CWSRF and DWSRF requests for payment #3. Carried.

Discussed curb stop replacement for those installed in the past decade. Determined only replacing those to be moved into the right of way. Discussed 604 Lynn Dawn Drive repair invoice.

M Becker-Clouse to pay Andy's Excavating invoice of \$579.50 from the water-sewer fund. Carried.

Discussed duplicate user fees for 614 Lynn Dawn Drive. They have two meters: one for the house, one for the shop. As there are two meters, the two user fees will stand.

The new FIRM has proposed revisions that will significantly impact Richwood Estates. Hall said their flood map specialist, Kurt Lysne, could address the community. Wetzel recommended he come to the next HOA meeting.

The annual levee inspection will be done August 9. Wetzel, Woods, and Howatt will attend.

August 3 was the Argusville School demolition and RFP deadline. Baumlers have not acted. One bid was received and reviewed. Discussion about other inquiries, asbestos, and structural soundness. The school has been declared a dangerous building. Discussed mandating property fencing. Asbestos assessment must be completed; City will do it.

M Becker-Hagemeister to authorize Wetzel to spend up to \$5000 for an asbestos survey. Carried.

Howatt presented preliminary budget. The council recommended a 5% mill levy increase with an addition for school demolition and increases to attorney, council meetings, and publications.

M Hagemeister-Becker to pay bills: Cass County Electric \$581, Cass County Reporter \$81.90, Forum Communications \$464.12, NDLC \$643, Office Depot \$202.91, Park Board \$1343.16, Bank of ND \$21,900, NDIRF \$644.95, Northland Enterprises \$2625, Mary Howatt \$923.50, Century Link \$58.98, Cass County Electric \$551.03, Cass Rural Water \$4374.67, Waste Management \$3076.11, Bank of ND \$50,745, BND \$495.71 & \$209.98, Airborne Custom Spray \$3645, City of Fargo \$14 & \$96, Northland Enterprises \$1750, Cass County Electric \$500, Railroad Management \$214.01, Farmers Union \$1515, and Allan Woods \$923.50. Carried.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 4, 7:00 PM

Meeting adjourned 9:43 PM

Minutes subject to review and approval.

Mary Howatt - Auditor